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Dear Wife

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Yours of the 21st was received yesterday on my return from the South part of the state. I am glad Williams has at last bungled the account to a close. I wish you would at once borrow of the Farmington Williams \$50 for six months if you can. If not, get it of some one else if you can. I wish also, if you have time, you would arrange the Liberator for the last year & see what numbers are missing. In regard to the farm, if Eastus wishes to take it I will let it to him. I think he might manage ours & the Pillsb farm both. Or if he should not take both I think I can let ours to him on such terms ~~as~~ will be advantageous both to him & me. In case I let it to him I suppose he would not want the cattle, in which they might be sold at once. However I will leave all the arrangements to be made when I get home. You may simply say to him therefore that I will let it to him on such terms as I

think will be satisfactory. I suspect the Harrington
Anti-Slavery meeting was "much ado about nothing".
Congress you see are up to the ears in the agitating
subject, & poor Dr Channing gets no more favor from
them after all his rebukes to abolitionists, than abo-
litionists themselves do. So you see a man may
as well be lynched for the whole as for half.
There is no middle ground in the matter. We
have all got to be pro-slavery or Anti-slavery.
The Free Chh. in Boston are about giving Mr
Boutwell of Concord a call. He is not the man -
he will take his cue from the aristocracy there.
This good cause is making progress in this
State & every thing now bids fair for a good
Convention. The opposition are weak enough.
The Legislature continues its session the next
week. The Quakers have their quarterly meeting
then. So that from all these causes together, we
shall have a good part of the State in the
City at the time. I have engaged to go to Fall
River the Sabbath after, if they desire it, & in

which case I shall probably go thence to Millbury
near Worcester, to attend a County Convention, ~~on~~
Wednesday, & shall go thence home, which will
bring me home the last of week after next.
If I don't go to these places I shall come home
direct. Remember me to all friends - a kiss to
my dear boy, & believe me as ever

Your affect^d husband

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